

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2941 - HB 3520

February 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a new directional signing program for cemeteries listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Cemeteries located within 10 miles of an interstate interchange may be signed on the interstate. Cemeteries not signed on the interstate shall be signed at the road entering the state highway system nearest the cemetery. All signing shall meet the federal highway administration requirements. Payments for signs for cemeteries shall be made to the Department of Transportation (TDOT) by the organization or entity managing such cemetery. Designating signs shall be erected only if non-state funds are paid to TDOT to manufacture and erect such signs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Minimal to State and Local Government – However, to the extent that non-state funds are received from a local government, there will be a one-time, permissive increase in local government expenditures of between \$180 for a State route sign and \$7,600 for interstate signing.

Assumptions:

- According to the TDOT, the estimated cost of a mainline sign for this purpose would be \$4,800; the cost of a ramp sign would be \$2,800; and the cost of a State route sign would be \$180.
- It is not known how many cemeteries would be eligible for such signage; how many organizations or entities would choose to pay for such directional signs; or whether such managing organizations or entities of such cemeteries are private, county, or municipal.
- If the cost of the signs is paid with private funds, there would be no cost to state or local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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